

Jasper County

County Seat: Carthage

County
Composite
Rank

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2018

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2022

Population: 120,528

Outcome Measures	Number		Rate		Trend	Rank	
	2016	2020	2016	2020		State Rate	County Rank
Economic Well-Being							
Children under 18 in poverty	6,481	5,482	22.2%	18.9%	↑	15.5%	54
Food insecurity for children ^b	5,690	4,870	19%	16.2%	↑	15.1%	51
Health							
Low birthweight infants ^{a,c}	593	562	7%	7.1%	↓	8.7%	27
Preventable hospitalizations for all causes for children under 18 (per 1,000) ^c	268	210	8.9	7	↑	7.1	78
Child asthma ER rates (per 1,000) ^b	119	110	3.9	3.7	↑	6.2	66
Family & Community							
Births to teens, ages 15-19 (per 1,000)	151	114	38.6	28.4	↑	18.8	80
Substantiated child abuse/neglect cases (per 1,000) ^a	61	91	2	3.1	↓	3.2	40
Education							
High school graduation	1,337	1,377	89.6%	89.4%	↓	91.3%	101
Achievement proficiency ^{a,d}							
3rd grade English/language arts (MAP)							
8th grade English/language arts (MAP)							
4th grade math (MAP)							
Algebra I (end-of-course exam)							

Trend: ↑ better ↓ worse → no change

^a Outcome not included in County Composite Rank.

^b Data based on 2015 and 2019.

^c Data based on five-year time spans, 2011-2015 and 2016-2020.

^d Due to the COVID pandemic, MAP tests were suspended in 2020, and proficiency reports were not issued for the 2019-2020 school year.

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Contextual Indicators

Demographics

Total population	2016	119,111
	2020	120,528
Child population under 18	2016	30,109
	2020	29,808
Children under 18 as % of total population	2016	25.3%
	2020	24.5%
Child population under 6	2016	9,983
	2020	9,520
Children under 6 as % of total population	2016	8.4%
	2020	7.8%
Minority child population under 18	2016	6,313
	2020	6,681
Minority child population under 18 as % of child population	2016	21%
	2020	22.4%
Minority child population under 6	2016	2,195
	2020	2,331
Minority child population under 6 as % of under 6 child population	2016	22%
	2020	24.5%
Children in single-parent families	2011-2015	30.1%
	2016-2020	21.4%
Children in married-parent families	2011-2015	69.5%
	2016-2020	66.6%

Economic Well-being

Children in poverty under 6	2016	28.4%
	2020	25.9%
Children in poverty, ages 5-17	2011-2015	22.6%
	2016-2020	17.6%
Housing cost-burdened households	2011-2015	30.1%
	2016-2020	26.1%
Family households with children under 18 at 185% of poverty level	2011-2015	41.7%
	2016-2020	41.4%
Children in families receiving SNAP	2016	39.1%
	2020	35.2%
Median income family household with children under 18	2011-2015	\$48,391
	2016-2020	\$52,520
Adult unemployment	2016	4.1%
	2020	5.7%
Child homelessness	2016	2.8%
	2020	2.7%

Education

Licensed child care capacity (per 1,000)	2016	72.1
	2021	65.8
Accredited child care capacity as % of licensed capacity	2016	0.7%
	2021	3.4%
School attendance, grades K-12	2016	95.6%
	2020	94.6%

Family & Community

Teen unintentional deaths/homicides/suicides (per 100,000)	2011-2015	49.1
	2016-2020	65.9
Single parent head-of-household with children under 18	2011-2015	9.46%
	2016-2020	10.05%
Juvenile law violation referrals, ages 10-17 (per 1,000)	2016	50.4
	2020	9.3
Annual high school dropout rate	2016	2.6%
	2020	1.9%
Children entering/re-entering state custody (per 1,000)	2016	6.2
	2020	7.4

Health

Infant mortality (per 1,000)	2011-2015	5.1
	2016-2020	5.7
Child deaths ages 1-17 (per 100,000)	2011-2015	25.6
	2016-2020	32.6
Child deaths ages 1-14 (per 100,000)	2011-2015	22.3
	2016-2020	19.1
Child deaths ages 15-17 (per 100,000)	2011-2015	42.9
	2016-2020	73.5
Unrestrained automobile fatalities for children under 18 ^a	2011-2015	100%
	2016-2020	66.7%
Substance abuse hospitalizations ages 1-19 (per 100,000) ^b	2010-2014	30.3
	2015-2019	32.3
Mental/behavioral hospitalizations (not substance abuse) ages 1-19 (per 10,000)	2010-2014	57.7
	2015-2019	76.3
Uninsured children	2015	6.6%
	2019	8.1%
School attendance, grades 9-12	2016	94.3%
	2020	93.2%

^a If no % listed, no vehicle fatalities happened in the county during that period.

^b *Indicates unstable rate due to low count (<20 cases); ** indicates very unstable rate due to very low count (<5 cases).